GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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ADVERSE EFFECTS OF PESTICIDES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to support renewed efforts by United National Industrial Development Programme (UNIDP) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) etc. to check degradation of environment andensure safety of farming community from adverse effects of pesticides

(b) if so, whether the Government have agreed to host the meeting of the Regional Network on Pesticides for Asia and Pacific;

(c) whether this matter was also discussed by 15 countries in the Asia Pacific Region;and

(d) if so, the extent to which it is likely to check the adverse effects of pesticides on the farming community?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B.MOOKHERJI)

(a)& (b) : Yes, Sir. The Government of Indiaalong with Regional Network onPesticides for Asia and Pacific (RENPAP), a UNDP Body, is co-sponsoring a Regional Workshop on Production of User and Environment Friendly PesticideFormulations and Quality Assurance from 12-16th March, 2001 at Gurgaon.

(c) & (d): This Workshop aims to assist the member countries of the Network towards strengthening their capabilities in the production of water based formulations and quality assurance which would reduce the use of non-biodegradable ingredients traditionally used in the pesticides formulations.This is expected to ultimately lead to a check on the degradation of the environment and ensure safety of the farming community.